# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day destructive fires bring tragedy and loss to some American families; every year the human toll of fire exceeds 10,000 lives; and in 1966 more than twice as many Americans were killed by fire than on the battlefields of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the dollar damage from fire increases every year--last year, almost $2 billion worth of property was destroyed in flame and smoke; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to perfect our knowledge of and our protection against the havoc of fire by improving our information about the causes and costs of fire; developing better fire fighting and fire prevention techniques; supporting community efforts to improve fire control programs; expanding public education in the prevention of fires; and

WHEREAS, in the final analysis, fire prevention can succeed only at the community level and local efforts must make every citizen aware of his personal responsibility for removing fire hazards and reforming the habits that cause fires:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of the State of South Dakota, recognizing the importance of those efforts, do hereby designate the week beginning October 8, 1967, as--

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN SOUTH DAKOTA

and bid all citizens to earnestly support the fire prevention and control efforts of their community fire departments; urge state and local governments, the National Fire Protection Association, business and civic groups and public information agencies to observe Fire Prevention Week, to provide useful fire safety information to the public and to enlist the active participation of all citizens in year-round fire prevention programs, and urge all agencies and individuals to assist in this effort to reduce the needless waste of life and property caused by preventable fires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 1st day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-seven.

Nils A. Boe

NILS A. BOE, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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